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**DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, May 17th, 2023  
Time: 10:00am

**NYPD**

- 13th Precinct Monthly Reports:
  - Top three major crimes: **crimes is down by 123 from 155, Burglaries, grand larceny & grand larceny autos**
  - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise, bikes of sidewalks, homelessness**
  - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 25<sup>th</sup> St/6<sup>th</sup> Ave (pedestrian & car)**
- Midtown South Precinct Monthly Reports:
  - Top three major crimes: **crimes is down by 327 from 334, Grand Larceny is 206 vs 170; Grand Larceny Autos (e-bikes & cars left unattended) 8 vs 5 & Burglaries is 42 vs 62;**
  - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Narcotics, Homelessness, Noise**
  - Collision\crash involving injury/fatality locations: **W 30<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Ave (car & bike with injuries); W 42<sup>nd</sup> St/9<sup>th</sup> Ave (car & bike with minor injuries)**
- Midtown North Precinct Monthly Reports:
  - Top three major crimes: **crimes is down by 180 from 194, Grand Larceny is 144 vs 150; Assault 12 vs 14 & Burglaries is 9 vs 20;**
  - Top Quality of Life Issues: **Noise complaints from smoke shops in the mornings**

**Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit Report: Summer Youth Employment Program deadline is May 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**FDNY/EMS**

- Fire\Service Stat Report for CB4 for the last 30 days: **April 2022 vs April of 2023: structural fires at 23 we're at 37 which is a 15% increase; nonstructural we're at 35, which was a 22% decrease; Medical emergencies were at 869, which was a 13% increase; non-medical emergencies, which is gas, electric water, steam issues We're at 464, which is a 20% increase; false alarm are basically flat at 44, and the total responses were 1,449, which is a 13.8% increase in comparison.**

## **DHS & Homeless Outreach (DHS, Breaking Ground, Goddard, Urban Pathways)**

### **District Report**

- DHS Report
  - Shelter Report: **Asylum seekers Resource, there is a navigation center at the Red Cross location on 520 W 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The phone# 212-788-7654.**
- Breaking Ground **See attachment**
  - 653 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue – Under Sidewalk Shed: **Encountered one new person and refused assistance but will continue to visit and try**
- Urban Pathways: Port Authority Bus Terminal Report: **See attachment.**

### **DOT**

- On-going: Open Restaurant Enforcement
  - 536 9th Avenue: **A termination letter was issued to the restaurant and will be going back out to the location to be sure the structure was removed. If the structure was not removed DOT will remove it.**
  - 401 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street: **DOT went out to the location and could not find the structure.**

### **DSNY**

- Ongoing: Dump Outs\Illegal dumping locations: **9<sup>th</sup> Ave/ W 38<sup>th</sup> & W 37<sup>th</sup> Street,**
- Ongoing: Encampment locations: **Northside of W 40<sup>th</sup> Street/Dyer Ave**
- Ongoing: Corner Basket Placement along 8/9 Aves W. 19-25 St. – Away from Tree pits: **This has been taken care of**

### **DOHMH:**

- **Public Health Updates: Federal emergency for Covid ended last Thursday, the good news is that this doesn't affect any of the services that that we offer here in the city. We'll continue to have**

testing treatments and vaccination resources available. Moving forward.

#### **DEP/DDC**

- **DEP**
  - Top three DEP 311 complaints: **Received 295 complaints for the month of April in your district. The top 5 are: construction before/afterhours noise complaints: 109; construction equipment noise complaints: 24; noise complaints of A/C or ventilation equipment: 24; and odor fumes, vehicle idling generally as vehicle idling: 17 complaints, and with lead kid requests with 15 requests. It all ties up to 295 for the month of April.**
  
- **DDC**
  - Project Updates:
    - MED-645 – Water Main Installation 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Ave and West 20<sup>th</sup> St./West 21 Str – Sayda Noboa-Torres – Completion Date: Summer 2023: **Construction crew assisting ConEd**
    - HWPEDSF4 - Multi-Site Ped Ramp at West 34 Street 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue 33-34 Street– Myriam Benjamin- Completion Date: Tentative – Winter 2023: **Currently working with ConEd.**

#### **DPR & Hudson River Park Trust**

- DPR Park Manager General Report: **There is a new regional manager is Mark FiCarco. The construction is continuing on the basketball court over at Hell's kitchen and also they're finishing up the basketball court over at Chelsea.**
- HRPT Report: **Gansevoort construction, bike lane will be closed tonight between 9pm – 5am.**

#### **Con Edison**

- Current work locations within CD4: **There's still transmission feeder Pipe enhancement work on Eleventh Avenue between W 57<sup>th</sup> & W 59<sup>th</sup> Street. It's going to go on through September weekdays, from 8 am. To 3 Pm. And Saturdays from 8 am. To 6 Pm. There's also gas work on West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. That work is going to be going on till September. So weekends only Saturday from 8 am. To 6 Pm. Sunday, 9 a. M. To 6 Pm.**

#### **PANYNJ**

- Facility\Operation Updates: **Scott Pomerantz will be attending meetings in the future. Other updates, the buses coming from Texas since May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we received 28 buses. On average we receive 1,500 – 2,000 migrants per week. Height Detection Project. We're going to make a presentation tonight to to the Transportation**

**Committee. It's a project to replace the old height detectors at the entrance of the Lincoln of tunnel off of W 40<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**DANY**

- **June 10<sup>th</sup> – Gun Buy Back Event at the Memorial Baptist Church 141 West 115 Street. That'll take place basically the entire business day from 10 am. To 4. Pm. Annual order of healing event, which is taking place in Harlem on Saturday, June seventeenth, at Ps. 7, located on 160 East, 120 Street, from 12 Pm. To 4 Pm. Basically providing community members an opportunity to heal from the trauma of gun violence through the arts like music, dancing painting things like that.**

**Next DSC meeting: Wednesday, May 17th, at 10am**

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 AM and will last approximately an hour and quarter. As always, it is important for everyone to attend so that productive multi-agency dialogues may occur. Please contact the Board Office regarding questions about the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Midtown Homelessness Outreach Report**  
**Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan**  
**May 17, 2023, Update**

***Catchment Area***

Breaking Ground Street-to-Home Manhattan's catchment area extends from the north side of 23 St to the south side of 59 St, East River to Hudson River.

***Neighborhood Homeless Outreach Efforts***

BG S2HM conducts street outreach to homeless individuals in the Chelsea and Hell's Kitchen neighborhoods daily visiting encampments, hotspots, and chronic clients with the goal of linking street homeless individuals to housing and other vital services.

***Joint Operations***

S2HM outreach teams conduct weekly joint outreach operations with New York City Relief. S2HM also conducts joint outreach operations with street medicine teams and other outreach providers on an as-needed basis. S2HM Outreach continues to collaborate with Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to meet with individuals who are interested in placements. We also revived relationships with the Woodstock network including the Coffee House to speak with individuals who are interested in placements. There have been no recent joint outreach operations with NYPD.

***Current Areas of Concern***

BG S2HM continues to provide homeless outreach services at all the areas of concern identified in recent months. Highlights for the four weeks ended Monday 05/01 include:

***Columbus Circle***

Outreach teams report that this area has been mostly free of homeless activity for the last several months. On occasion unknown individuals are encountered bedded down overnight and early morning. Increasing cold weather and heavy police presence has discouraged panhandlers as of late.

***58th St and 59th St under West Side Hwy***

Previously, outreach teams, case managers, and supervisors had a daily presence here for many months due to the proliferation of complex encampments. More recently, this area has been largely free of homeless activity, with only a single individual returning regularly. Fencing was placed shortly after which continued to deter influx of homeless activity. The area will continue to be monitored for activity. The one remaining frequent visitor to this area is in regular contact with outreach.

***59th St and 9th Ave***

A large encampment has developed this area, which has repeatedly been moved by the inhabitant between 58th Street and 60th Street on this avenue. Breaking Ground outreach staff are making frequent contact with this individual as well as collaborating with Uptown Goddard to coordinate efforts to assist this client in preparing to accept placement.

**57th St and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave**

This location has been frequented by numerous homeless individuals; however, after several recent 2 placements by outreach, activity has been greatly reduced.

**DeWitt Clinton Park**

Outreach has been canvassing and reporting on this location frequently. A few clients are regularly observed passing through, as well as an individual who is a frequent visitor to this park. Rapport will continue to be built with these individuals around accepting placement services.

**52<sup>nd</sup> St bet 8th Ave and 9th Ave**

This location, which was formerly home to a large encampment, has been cleared of homeless material. Only transient homeless activity has been observed.

**51st St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave**

This location used to be a hot spot but currently one homeless individual continues to bed down at this location on a somewhat regular basis. Outreach teams visit this location regularly to engage and build rapport

**8th Ave bet 42nd St and 59th St**

Outreach teams canvass this long stretch of 8th Ave daily and offer services to the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered. Overnight staff typically engages clients bedded down at night between 42nd St and 45th St as well as between 47th St and 48th St. Many individuals engaged on this stretch come and go which makes rapport building quite difficult. Caseload clients, less frequently engaged in the area, tend to be connected to transitional housing services or in the referral process.

**42nd St bet 7th Ave and 9th Ave**

Outreach has continued to engage the numerous homeless individuals regularly encountered on this block. The population here is highly transient, and outreach engagements are often with unknown clients.

**8th Ave bet 39th St and 42nd St (PABT)**

S2HM visits this area regularly and reports steady homeless activity across morning, day, and evening shifts. A caseload client of concern maintains in an encampment here and routinely declines outreach services. Over the last several months, overnight staff have encountered relatively few clients bedded down, mostly unknown individuals.

**8th Ave bet 33rd St and 35th St**

Outreach teams frequently canvass these two blocks of 8th Ave, which have historically been very active with panhandling and drug-related activity. Outreach teams continue to note significant presence around the nearby Duane Reade (34th St and 8th Ave) and McDonald's (8th Ave between 34th St and 35th St).

**8th Ave bet 31st St and 33rd St (General Post Office)**

Outreach teams visit this location often and encounter a varied number of homeless individuals. Many of them are well-known to outreach staff and are engaged in the housing process or are working with other service providers. During the day, numerous individuals rest on the post office stairs. Recently, this section of 8th Ave has been less active at night.

**8<sup>th</sup> Ave bet 36<sup>th</sup> St and 37<sup>th</sup> St (Chain Theatre area)**

This area was recently cleaned by DHS and DSNY efforts. There are a few individuals that have since then been placed into safe haven and stabilization sites. Outreach teams continue to canvas this location as there are still concerns regarding encampments and speaking with individuals who may attend the Housing Works program nearby to offer housing services.

### ***Chelsea Park***

Outreach teams visit this mainstay of homeless activity multiple times throughout the day every day. During the day, there is a steady flow of transient homeless activity and at night handful of highly entrenched homeless individuals bed down regularly. To address a variety of obstacles toward housing, S2HM coordinates with several other social agencies to provide services to the homeless

### ***11<sup>th</sup> Ave and 48<sup>th</sup> St.***

An encampment exists at this location that is occupied by an individual who has been highly entrenched on the street. Our outreach teams have been working with them toward accepting services over a long period of time and have been frequently monitoring their safety in the meantime

### ***34<sup>th</sup> St. bet 8<sup>th</sup> Ave and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave***

Although homeless activity has decreased in comparison to the past, homeless individuals continue to be encountered, especially near the corner of 34th St and 8th Ave.

### ***41<sup>st</sup> St bet 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and Dyer Ave***

Homeless activity at this location fluctuated but has since decreased dramatically. Following increased S2HM outreach efforts and collaboration with community stakeholders, the location remains clear of encampments.

### ***39th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave***

Outreach teams visit this area weekly and are working to connect the individuals randomly observed bedded down here to housing and other services.

### ***39th St bet 10th Ave and 11th Ave***

Activity has greatly reduced in this once highly active encampment site. Outreach teams and case managers visited this location weekly and have reported a decline in homeless activity.

### ***38th St bet 9th Ave and 10th Ave***

This once prominent encampment location has since been removed and a welcome location to unknown homeless individuals who are resistant to transitional housing services. Outreach teams are working to build rapport with these individuals to explore housing options available to them.

### ***Dyer Ave bet 34th St and 36th St***

Outreach teams visit this active panhandling location often due to fluctuating homeless activity. More recently, a couple of clients bed down here overnight have received placement. Outreach teams regularly find placement for individuals who frequent this area and are working to locate appropriate placement for other individuals although drug use has remained a barrier in them accepting housing.

### ***31st St and 32nd St bet 6th Ave and 7th Ave***

While these blocks have historically been a popular homeless location due to their proximity to the St Francis Church complex, the population bedded down here is significant. Overnight teams visit this location nightly and are working to connect clients to caseload services and transitional housing opportunities.

### ***30th St bet 9<sup>th</sup> and Dyer***

Staff are continuing to work to connect the few individuals observed infrequently bedded down here to housing and other services.

### ***23rd St bet 7th Ave and 8th Ave***

Outreach teams visits this encampment multiple times daily. While staff and supervisors have been working on housing with the entrenched clients bedded down at this location, S2HM management has joined with DHS and community leaders in exploring collaborative solutions.

***6th Ave bet 23rd St and 29th St***

S2HM remains vigilant around the persistent illegal vending and the homeless population attracted to this area, particularly between 23rd St and 24th St. Several individuals who regularly frequent this location have been working closely with outreach teams to overcome barriers to housing.



**Outreach Team Placements**

Placements for the four weeks ended Tuesday 05/02:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Client's Street Location</b>	<b>Placement Facility Type</b>	<b>Borough</b>
04/07	42 <sup>nd</sup> bet. 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
04/07	42 <sup>nd</sup> bet. 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
04/10	Bryant Park	Safe Haven	Bronx
04/10	53 <sup>rd</sup> bet. 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
04/11	42 <sup>nd</sup> bet. 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave and Broadway	Safe Haven	Bronx
04/14	51 <sup>st</sup> bet. Park and Lexington Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
04/17	40 <sup>th</sup> bet. 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
04/21	43 <sup>rd</sup> bet. 6 <sup>th</sup> and Broadway	Safe Haven	Manhattan
04/24	36 <sup>th</sup> and Dyer	Safe Haven	Manhattan
04/25	52 <sup>nd</sup> and Park Ave	Safe Haven	Bronx
04/26	6 <sup>th</sup> Ave bet. 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	Safe Haven	Manhattan
05/01	47 <sup>th</sup> bet. Lexington and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
05/02	42 <sup>nd</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Safe Haven	Manhattan
05/02	Herald Square	Safe Haven	Manhattan



## Community Board 4 Summary April 2023

### Canvassing Efforts

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The **Fashion outreach team** canvassed 35<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenues during the hours of 8am- 4pm, conducting 2 tours of the entire area five days a week.

- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(1-3)** homeless individuals throughout each shift.
- **Hotspots:** The Hotspot for the month was the **5th Avenue** catchment area boasting **57%** of the total engagements in April.
- **Encampments:** There were no encampments during the month of April.

The **Flatiron outreach team** canvassed 30<sup>th</sup> to 32<sup>nd</sup> street (North) and 21<sup>st</sup> Street- 29<sup>th</sup> Street (South) primarily 7:30am- 3:30pm, 2 days of 6am-2pm and 2 days of 12am-8am shifts.

- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(2)** homeless individuals in Flatiron North, and **(7)** individuals in Flatiron South throughout each shift.
- **Hotspots:** The Hotspots for the month was
  - **Flatiron North: Madison Avenue** catchment area boasting **93%** of the engagements in April.
  - **Flatiron South:** Broadway & Fifth Avenue catchment area boasting **52%** of the engagements in April
- **Encampments:** There was **(1)** encampments during the month of April .

The **Operation Alternative outreach teams** canvassed the Port Authority Bus Terminal with the PAPD from the hours of 6am-2pm, and 4pm-2am, conducting 3 tours within each shift.

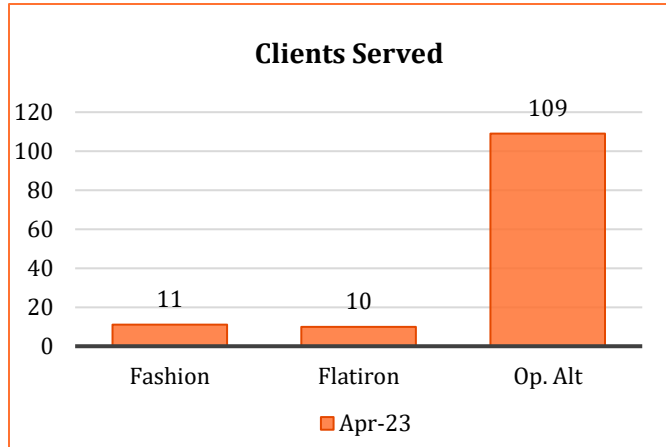
- **Avg. Individuals:** The team normally engaged **(11)** homeless individuals throughout each shift.

## Caseload Breakdown

### Clients Served

In April 2023 Urban Pathways outreach teams engaged **130** homeless individuals

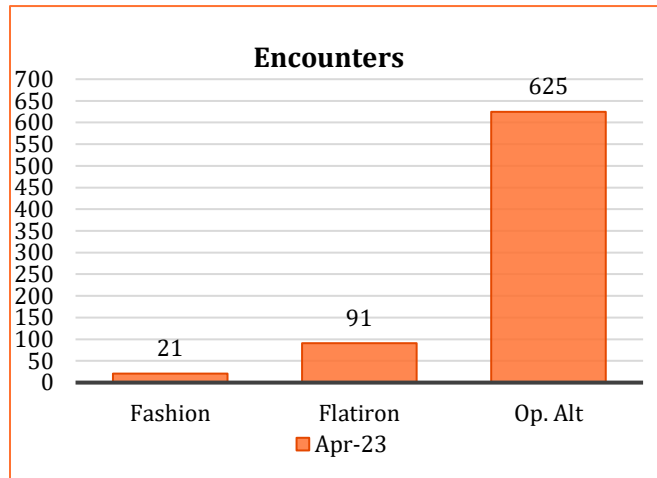
- ◆ 8% - Fashion
- ◆ 8% - Flatiron
- ◆ 84% - Op. Alt



### Total Encounters

In April 2023 Urban Pathways outreach team had a total of **737** encounters/ observations of homeless individuals.

- ◆ 3% - Fashion
- ◆ 12% - Flatiron
- ◆ 85% - Op. Alt



### Placements

Urban Pathways outreach teams placed **19** chronically homeless individuals within the Community Board 4 area.

- ◆ **Op. Alt.** - 8 Shelter | 5 Detox | 4 Drop in | 2 Perm. Housing

